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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: PEARCY et al. Examiner: Jiping LU
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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a one-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed March 10, 2004, said period of response being extended from June 10, 2004 to July 10, 2004.

Our check in the amount of \$110.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee for a large entity.

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